THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Merger of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been approved by the Government on 16th June, 2005 and further action for merger has been initiated. Given the sound financial health of SAIL, after merger, the accumulated loss of IISCO will be wiped off. Manpower in IISCO has already been brought down from 22,767 as on 1-4-2002 to 16,083 as on 1-7-2005 and productivity has increased from 36 Tonnes of Crude Steel/man/year in 2003-04 to 52 Tonnes of Crude Steel/man/year during April-June, 2005. Kulti Works which was unviable due to high cost of operation has been closed and IISCO has made net profit of Rs. 27.09 crores in 2003-04 and Rs. 46.59 crores in 2004-05.

For the growth, development and modernisation of IISCO, a Corporate Plan 2011-12 has been drawn out which envisages growth in crude steel production capacity from a level of 0.35 Million Tonne (MT) in 2004-05 to a level of 2.0 MT in 2011-12. The plan also envisages investment for development of Chiria Mines and appropriate investments in other mines & collieries.

(c) There is no other formal proposal at present to take over any other plant under SAIL.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Animal Diseases in U.P.

†*1264. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration for Central assistance to check animal diseases in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in its implementation and the details of the proposals received from Uttar Pradesh Government for financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No. Sir. However there are on going programme for this purpose for which central assistance is provided to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the State/Union Territories including UP. Central assistance provided to UP and the funds availability is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) Question does not arise.

Statement

Central assistance provided to UP and the funds availability

(Rs. in lakhs)

	2003-2004		2004-2005			2005-06	
Name of the Scheme	Amount revalid-ated	Funds released	Amount revalid ated	Funds released	Unutilized Amount revalida ted	Funds Relea sed (till Date)	Funds Available/ UC pending as on date
Assistance to State for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)	150.99	414.15	280.59	263.33	2.795	722.46	725.26
National Project on Rinderpest Eradication (NPRE)	12.42	20.00	16.40	20.00	4.19	15.00	19.19
Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)	0.00	282.00	0.00	425.00	106.00	90.00	196.13
Professional Efficiency Development (PED)	1.055	6.08	1.39	6.00	2.00	0.00	2.00